[Mr. K. P. Kochukoratharakan]

(*b*) how long it is since articles for survey purposes such as cross staff, chain, scale for preparations sketches &c, were supplied to the above pakuthy cutcherry, and whether they are now in good condition ; and

(*c*) whether it has been reported to the superior authority from the pakuthy cutcherry that the above articles in that pakuthy cutcherry are so bad and rotten as to be of no use and that new chain, scale &c., should be supplied ?

MR. K. GEORGE : (*a*) Yes. The following articles were supplied this year.

Name of articles.	*Unit.*	*Quantity supplied.*
Foolscap paper	dozens.	11
Blotting paper	No.	3
Copying pencils	No.	2
Carbon paper	No.	6
Blacklead pencil	No.	1
Nibs	No.	4
Brown paper sheets	No.	2

(*b*) The last supply was in 1105. The instruments now in use are somewhat old.

(*c*) Yes. Reports were received in the Taluk for the exchange of certain articles. But as there was no new stock in the taluk, the request was not complied with. Steps have been taken to get new stock from the Survey office.

Construction of the Alleppey Light House.

118 ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state the person to whom the contract for constructing the Alleppey Light House has been given, whether it was given after inviting tenders and, if so, whose was the lowest tender ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT The Alleppey Light House was built in 1860-62, long before the Marine Department was constituted, and as such, no records are available as regards the contractors etc., engaged for its construction at this distance of time.

Recruitment to the Transport Department.

119 ***MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any persons other than graduates have been selected as conductors in the Transport Department ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes, 10 persons.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : ബി. എ. പാസ്സായിട്ടില്ലാത്ത ചിലരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്ന ഉത്തരം പറഞ്ഞു കാണുന്നു. ഇവർക്ക് ബി. എ. കാരെക്കാൾ എന്താണ് കൂടുതൽ യോഗ്യതയുള്ളത്.

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